

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

CHRISTINA M. PICHETTE SAFETY COORDINATOR JOHNSON TRUCKING LLC 2701 SOUTH EBER ROAD STE B MONCLOVA, OH 43542 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20590

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In reply refer to: Your USDOT No.: 1649958 Review No.: 937208/CR

Dear CHRISTINA M. PICHETTE:

The proposed motor carrier safety rating for your company is:

## UNSATISFACTORY

This proposed UNSATISFACTORY rating is the result of an onsite compliance review and evaluation of your safety fitness completed on January 5, 2012. An UNSATISFACTORY rating indicates that your company does not have adequate safety management controls in place to ensure compliance with the safety fitness standard which has resulted in occurrences of violations listed in 49 CFR 385.5(a-k), and indicates that your company is operating at an unacceptable level of compliance.

Under 49 CFR 385.13, a motor carrier that receives a final safety rating of UNSATISFACTORY is prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle in interstate and intrastate commerce. Additionally, 49 USC 31144 and 49 CFR 385.13(a)(1) provide that this prohibition takes effect unless, within 60 days of the date of this notice, you take the necessary steps to improve the rating to conditional or satisfactory.

Pursuant to 49 USC 13905(f)(1)(B), the registration of a motor carrier that has been prohibited from operating in interstate and intrastate commerce for failure to comply with the safety fitness requirement shall be revoked.

UNLESS YOU IMPROVE YOUR PROPOSED UNSATISFACTORY RATING, IT WILL BECOME FINAL AND YOU WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES IN INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE COMMERCE BEGINNING ON MARCH 11, 2012, AND YOUR REGISTRATION SHALL BE REVOKED, IF APPLICABLE.

If you have been subject to any Order(s), prohibition(s), registration suspension(s) and/or registration revocation(s) in any other case(s) or proceeding(s), the prohibitions and registration revocation in this case will be in addition to, and will not supersede, amend, or modify any Orders, notices, and/or requirements in any other case(s) or proceeding(s). Further, the orders, prohibitions and/or proceeding(s) revocation may also attach and apply to the operations of successor entities, including any motor carrier entity or entities established or used to avoid the consequences of a "final" unsatisfactory safety proceeding(s).

Immediate action must be taken to correct any deficiencies or violations discovered during the compliance review. Your operation was found to be deficient with respect to the applicable safety regulations in the following areas:

Part 391 QUALIFICATIONS OF DRIVERS

Part 396 INSPECTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

INSPECTION OUT OF SERVICE RATE RECORDABLE CRASH RATE

Please refer to the copy of the compliance review left at your office for more specific guidance regarding areas in need of corrective action.

APPEAL RIGHTS: Owners or operators of commercial motor vehicles may appeal the proposed safety rating in the following manners:

<A> REQUESTS FOR A CHANGE TO SAFETY RATING BASED UPON CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (49 CFR 385.17): A request for a change to a safety rating for a corrective action may be made at any time. This request must be made in

writing to the FMCSA Service Center for the geographic area where the carrier maintains its principal place of business (See 49 CFR 390.27). The request must be based upon evidence that the carrier has taken corrective actions and that its operations currently meet the safety fitness standards and factors specified in 49 CFR 385.5 and 385.7. The FMCSA will make a final determination based upon the documentation submitted and any other additional relevant information. A written decision will be issued by the FMCSA. Any motor carrier whose request for change is denied may, within 90 days after the denial, request administrative review under 49 CFR 385.15.

<B> ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (49 CFR 385.15): A request may be made to the FMCSA to conduct an administrative review if you believe that an error was committed in assigning the proposed safety rating or when your request under 49 CFR 385.17 was denied. This request must be made within 90 days of the date of the proposed safety rating issued under 49 CFR 385.11(c) or within 90 days of an Order denying your request for a rating change under 49 CFR 385.17.

Owners or operators may seek administrative review (49 CFR 385.15) by filing a Petition for Review at the following address: U.S. DOT Dockets, United States Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. A copy of the Petition MUST also be sent to: The Chief Safety Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (Attention: Adjudications Counsel), 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590. The appeal should include a copy of this compliance review and the forthcoming official notice from the FMCSA headquarters office. All subsequent filings must also be served in the same

The FMCSA will conduct a review of the request and issue a decision within 30 days of receipt of that request (49 CFR 385.15(e)(1) and 385.17(e)(1)). The FMCSA highly recommends that hazardous material and passenger owners and operators file requests for administrative review (49 CFR 385.15) within 15 days from the date on the notice of the "proposed" rating (49 CFR 385(c)(1)). This will allow sufficient time to review the request and issue a written decision before the prohibitions on operating in interstate and intrastate commerce take effect. Administrative review requests must be made within 90 days of the date on the notice of the "proposed" rating (49 CFR 385.15(c)(2)). However, failure to petition within 15 days from the date on the notice of the "proposed" rating may prevent the FMCSA from issuing a final decision before the prohibitions on interstate and intrastate transportation and, if applicable, the registration revocation take effect (49 CFR 385.15(c)(1)).

A petition to contest the rating or a request for a change in the rating will not automatically postpone the effective date of your final rating.

You may obtain further information from the local Federal Motor Carrier Safety Information office listed below:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION 200 NORTH HIGH STREET, ROOM 609 COLUMBUS, OH 43215 Telephone No.: 614-280-5657

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\*\* The rating for Part 396 was comprised of the vehicles placed out-of-service during roadside inspections in the twelve months prior to the compliance review and/or inspected at the time of the review, and non-compliance with the Part 396 inspection, repair and maintenance systems requirements.